

KOREA CASTS HER LOT WITH THE JAPANESE

Little Army of the Hermit Kingdom Will Battle Against the Russians.

Still Another Attack Upon Port Arthur—Japs Seem to Be Trying to Land Troops.

Seoul, Feb. 26.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field.

The port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be discussed later. This action necessitates a harbor, so Yongsampo has been decided upon.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Port Arthur dated Feb. 26, says: "At 1 o'clock this morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted from here with their sails set for the purpose of disguising their character. The battleship Retvizan and the shore batteries opened fire on them and continued firing until daylight without any visible result. After daylight a Japanese squadron, apparently conveying troops, was sighted. At a quarter past 11 the squadron came nearer and an engagement which lasted forty minutes ensued. There was no damage. Few shells fell in Port Arthur.

"It is expected here that the Japanese will attempt a landing soon.

"An inspection of the Japanese fire ships sent into this harbor on Feb. 24 shows they were loaded with coal and kerosene and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of the cargo."

London, Feb. 26.—A report which emanates from St. Petersburg says that the Japanese minister at Seoul, Korea, has requested the Korean government to hand the French minister his passports.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Like a knight of olden times, before going to battle, General Kuropatkin today performed the most solemn rites of the mother church. After fasting this week he went to the church in the cadet corps academy, where he was seated, made his confession and partook of the sacrament. The officiating priest, holding up the sacred image of St. Sergius, which has just arrived in Moscow, blessed the Russian troops in Korea. I do not believe that the general was shaking with emotion and embraced many of his assembled comrades.

The metropolitan of Moscow, who accompanied the ikon of St. Sergius to St. Petersburg, has received letters from the czar recalling the overthrow of the tatar hordes under its auspices and prophesying that it will also lead the Russians to victory over the Japanese.

Naval Opinion.

There is a difference of opinion among the naval and military officers in regard to the purpose of the Japanese forces at Port Arthur, but the prevailing opinion is that it is to effect a diversion to cover their movement elsewhere. A high naval officer said:

"I cannot understand what the Japanese hoped to accomplish. They forgot that the days of wooden, inflammable ships are past. If their object really was to block the channel, borrowing the idea from the exploit of the Mermaid, it is not given, but supposed to be Mukden. The message follows: "A squadron of the enemy's vessels, numbering sixteen, approached the fortress at about 1 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novika, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing continued for half an hour. Then our cruisers went into the harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of the batteries and then began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fort, but out of range of fire.

"At the same time four of the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon bay, where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed also a strong cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon bay. The firing lasted for thirty minutes, but no landing was made. The enemy's cruisers then departed. Suitable measures have been taken to oppose a possible move on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea.

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was repeated by the Russian torpedo boats on the night of Feb. 26.

Regarding an Absurd.

The idea that the Japanese seriously contemplate a bombardment of Port Arthur, inviting the exposing of their ships to a plunging fire from the guns on Golden Hill, is regarded by military experts as absurd.

The giving of \$10,000 by Charles A. Crane of Chicago to the "Young Emperors" fund for Russian soldiers and sailors has been received everywhere with expressions of appreciation. Her majesty was deeply touched by this donation. The gift was made by Mr. Crane through Count Rostoff, his majesty's chamberlain.

Mr. Crane first called, saying it was believed in America that Russia had done everything to maintain peace, but that her hand had been forced by treacherous enemies. He asked, "What could he do?" Count Rostoff in reply suggested a donation to the relief fund, and Mr. Crane sent \$10,000.

GETTING CLOSE.

Russian and Japanese Scouts Sight Each Other.

London, Feb. 27.—Russian and Japanese scouts sighted each other Thursday morning at Kukuken, twenty-five miles north of P'yungyang, Korea, but did not come in contact," cables the Tokyo correspondent of the Times. "The Russians are now moving southward of the Tumen river, where the roads are extremely bad.

"The changes in the Korean cabinet have brought into power the partisans of the United States and Japan.

"Russian soldiers have seized the premises of an American mining company at Ussu, north of P'yungyang."

BATTLE AT SEA.

Japanese Fleet Attacked by Russian Torpedo Boats.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A correspondent of the Associated Press telegraphs from Port Arthur under date of Feb. 26, as follows:

"Last night at about 10 o'clock Japanese torpedo boats again unsuccessfully attempted to approach Port Arthur. Firing was heard at sea after midnight, and it is presumed that Russian torpedo boats or torpedo-boat destroyers had attacked the Japanese. No details of the result are at hand."

Continuing, the correspondent says that the Novik published a condemnation of the United States for proposing the neutralization of China.

VICEROY'S REPORT.

Russians Expected a Landing at Pigeon Bay.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27, 2 a. m.—A copy of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar has just been given out. It is dated Feb. 25. The place where the attack is not given, but is supposed to be Mukden. The message follows: "A squadron of the enemy's vessels, numbering sixteen, approached the fortress at about 1 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novika, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing continued for half an hour. Then our cruisers went into the harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of the batteries and then began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fort, but out of range of fire.

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TESTING THE BRINK.



Tar-heel Teddy—Something tells me she ain't the real thing. Jaw Gold Brick Johnny—Well, we've got ter live an' learn, ye know.

FIERCE BATTLE WITH BANDITS

One of the Calientes Robbers Wounded and Captured at Milford—Officers in Pursuit of the Other—Exciting Time on Passenger Train.

(Special to The Herald.)

MILFORD, Utah, Feb. 26.—One desperado was probably fatally wounded, an officer had a finger shot off, and an Italian laborer was shot through the hand in a desperate battle that was fought on board the San Pedro passenger train here at midnight. The officers were attempting to capture the two robbers who held up the car and made such a big haul at Calientes Tuesday night. Conductor Berry of the San Pedro telegraphed worded that two suspicious characters had boarded the train at Modena, and that they answered the description of the Calientes robbers.

Ordered "Hands Up."

Marshal Hickman and Deputy Sheriff Stoddard met the train and found that the men were in opposite ends of the car. Hickman was to the smaller of the two while Stoddard was to take care of the other. Marshal Hickman went up to his man, informed him that he was under arrest and ordered him to hold up his hands. The suspect reached for his gun and the marshal fired, the bullet shattering the robber's right arm.

Fifteen Italian laborers were in the car asleep and awoke just in time to hear Hickman say "Hold up your hands," and see him shoot, thinking that the train was being held up by highwaymen. The Italians pulled their guns and commenced firing wildly in all directions shouting and yelling, and the scene that followed was beyond description. One of the Italians struck the marshal over the head and one of the bullets took off his finger. In the excitement the two desperadoes escaped from the train and disappeared in the darkness, but shortly after the train had left the robber who had been wounded made his appearance at the pump house and the pumpman notified the officers.

Bandits Captured.

He stated that his name was G. H. Moore, but that he was a stranger in these parts. He had about \$30 in money, but the gun that he had in his hand was missing. In addition to his shattered arm, he is wounded in the hip, but not seriously.

Officers are now in pursuit of his companion. There is but little doubt that these are the Calientes robbers, and it is believed that the man still at large took the bulk of the booty when it was found that his partner was so seriously wounded that he must give himself up.

INJUNCTION IS DENIED

John MacGinniss Finally Ditched in Fight Against the Amalgamated.

New York, Feb. 26.—Justice Gildersleeve, in the supreme court today, denied the application of John MacGinniss to have continued the ex-parte injunction he recently obtained, enjoining the Boston & Montana Copper Mining company and the Patriot & Anaconda company from paying money for dividends to the Amalgamated Copper company, and at the same time he vacated the injunction. Justice Gildersleeve said: "There is no allegation of the insolvency of any of the defendant companies, and it is clear that they are all able to respond to any judgment that might be recovered against them."

HOUSES WRECKED AND MANY LIVES IN DANGER

St. Paul, Feb. 26.—One of the most extensive cave-ins that the northern anthracite coal region has ever experienced, occurred in West Scranton today. The cave-in affected an area of about forty acres. When the first break occurred the residents became panic-stricken. There are about 200 houses in the district affected. Some are completely wrecked, others are out of plumb, while nearly every house is twisted to such an extent that the doors and windows cannot be opened.

UNITED STATES LOSES CASE IN MONTANA COURT

Helena, Mont., Feb. 26.—Judge Knowles, in the United States circuit court for Montana today, one year after the suit was commenced, sustained a demurrer to complaint in an action brought by the United States against the Anaconda Copper Mining company, estate of Marcus Dwyer and others for an accounting. Action was instituted by the attorney general, who was represented here by special counsel. The object of the suit was to recover large sums for timber alleged to have been cut from public lands. No specific amount was demanded.

HIS WORK DONE.

Washington, Feb. 26.—M. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama today, called his resignation as such to the president of that republic.

JURY SURPRISED THE ACCUSED

Postal Conspirators Expected to Be Cleared.

VERDICT FELL LIKE A PALL

"GUILTY AS INDICTED" WAS THE CONCLUSION REACHED.

Expected to Go Free.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—"Guilty as indicted," was the verdict announced by the jury in the postal office conspiracy trial shortly after 8 o'clock tonight, stating at the same time that this was the verdict as to all four defendants. Aug. W. Machen, late general superintendent of the rural free delivery division; George E. Lorenz of Toledo; Samuel A. Groff and Elmer B. Groff of Washington. The jury had been out nine hours.

In the dimly lighted room sat the four defendants, who, after the case was given to the jury, had been placed in the custody of a United States marshal and confined to the limits of the city hall. Each wore an anxious look, and a deathlike silence fell on the small crowd which had been permitted to enter the room as the clerk inquired of the foreman if a verdict had been reached.

The jury to a man rose, and as the words "guilty as indicted" fell from the foreman's lips the defendants and their counsel seemed appalled. During the time the jury was out the four defendants had paced up and down the hallway outside the court room and had given expressions to the belief that each hour the jury spent in discussing the case brought them nearer to acquittal. There was general astonishment that the jury had included in the conviction Samuel A. Groff, a Washington policeman and inventor of the Groff fastener, as to whom Holmes Conrad, special counsel for the government, yesterday informed the jury he did not expect a conviction, and that he personally did not believe in his guilt.

Five ballots in all were taken. On the first ballot the vote stood 7 to 5 for conviction, on the second 8 to 4, on the third 9 to 3, on the fourth 10 to 2, and on the fifth the vote was unanimous.

Bail of \$20,000.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered Charles Douglass, in behalf of all four defendants, filed motions for a new trial, for an arrest of judgment and for an appeal from the verdict, having the defendants admitted to bail. Bail was then fixed at \$20,000 each, the bond of Lorenz and the two Groffs being increased from \$10,000. When Mr. Maddox, on behalf of the Groffs, inquired as to the amount of bail to be required of them, Justice Pritchard said:

"I know no difference between these defendants. The jury has said they are guilty, and I cannot discriminate, but will treat all alike."

Next to Samuel A. Groff, the most surprised man was Machen, who said he was "thunderstruck at the verdict."

The four defendants will appear before Justice Pritchard tomorrow morning to receive sentence.

NOT ENOUGH OFFICERS

Roosevelt Will Soon Select 100 Young Men For the Army Training School.

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 26.—Brigadier General Bell, commandant of the general service and staff college at Fort Leavenworth, has asked Mayor Anthony and the Commercial club of this city whether it will be possible to provide quarters here for national guards officers and graduates of military colleges who are to be designated by the president to attend the war college for a two years' course. The communication states that the law, as passed a year or so ago, authorizes the payment of \$1 a day to such students and commutation of quarters, which amounts to about \$4 a month. Quarters will be provided for the students in this city until such quarters can be built at Fort Leavenworth.

The class, which is to consist of about 100 officers so chosen, is expected to arrive at Fort Leavenworth next September. There are no quarters for the members at the post.

It is said that the object of the new law is to pick from the best of the nation's military talent, and that it is unable to provide a sufficient number.

READY REVOLVER DOES BUSINESS AT BUFFALO

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Henry L. Schwartz of Baker & Schwartz, attorneys, was shot and probably fatally wounded at his private office in the Marine bank building today by H. A. Knowles, of the dry goods firm of Knowles & Gardner. Knowles, after holding the police at bay for a few moments, blew his brains out. The crime is believed to have been the result of business complications.

CHANGE OF VENUE.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—In the circuit court, Judge Taylor today granted a change of venue to Charles Kratz, former member of the city council, indicted on the charge of bribery in connection with the suburban street railway franchise.

FIRE AT NEWPORT NEWS.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 26.—Fire of unknown origin broke out in the angle iron shed of the Newport News Shipbuilding company's plant tonight and destroyed the shipyard, only \$15,000 structure in the shipyard. Loss \$15,000.

PANAMA TREATY IS EFFECTIVE

Ratifications Were Exchanged at the State Department Yesterday and the Necessary Proclamation Was Signed by the President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Secretary Hay and Minister Bunau-Varilla this forenoon exchanged ratifications of the Panama canal treaty at the state department.

The exchange marks the close of diplomatic negotiations looking to the acquisition of the canal, and the Panama canal, running back to the first quarter of the last century. What remains to be done now is nothing more than the adjustment of certain legal questions by the law officers of this government. The state department has filed its functions.

The legal questions remaining to be settled is the pending litigation in France concerning the canal, and the question whether under the terms of the Spooner act the \$10,000,000 which was to be paid to Colombia can now be paid to Panama.

Before these questions can be settled and meanwhile no money is likely to pass.

THREE BODIES RECOVERED.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 26.—The remains of William Dwyer and Isaac Abrams, two victims of the cave-in in the Minnie Healy mine yesterday afternoon, had not been recovered up to a late hour this afternoon. The bodies of Thomas Haggerty, Antoni Tennetti and Thomas Furlong lie in the morgue, where the coroner's inquest will be held probably tomorrow evening.

ARMY SCANDAL.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Captain George C. Broome of the United States army, now stationed at Fort Leavenworth, today filed a suit for \$250,000 damages against James S. Barbour and his wife, Annie D. Barbour, of this city, for alleged alienation of the affections of Captain Broome's wife. The suit is filed in the federal court, where the coroner's inquest will be held probably tomorrow evening.